

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
February 27, 2013

The Board met in regular session at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference Rooms 2 and 3, in Fairfax, VA.

The following CSB members were present: Mark Sites, Chair; Pam Barrett, Susan Beeman, Jessica Burmester, Ken Barnes Mark Gross, Glenn Kamber, Suzette Kern, Juan Pablo Segura, Lori Stillman and Jane Woods

The following CSB members were absent: Mary Ann Beall

The following CSB staff was present: George Braunstein, Gary Axelson, Bill Belcher, Belinda Buescher, Ginny Cooper, Jean Hartman, Evan Jones, Dave Mangano, Lisa Potter, Jim Stratoudakis, Alan Wooten, Will Williams and Laura Yager

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mark Sites called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

2. Recognitions

Deep appreciation was extended to Tom Cook for his 29 years of service with the CSB and contributions to the community. Special recognition was noted for his initiative in organizing and coordinating for 13 years the Tim Harmon 5K race in support of Hepatitis treatment and prevention.

3. Matters of the Public

Kristen Brennan, Executive Director, Fairfax Partnership for Youth and mother of a special needs child shared concerns with CSB services for youth and prevention and referenced a communication previously sent to the CSB Board members.

4. Amendments to the Meeting Agenda

Following a request by George Braunstein to add a state bond funding agenda item, it was recommended to include the item as part of the Executive Directors Report. A motion was offered to amend and accept the agenda as recommended which was seconded and passed.

Separately, it was noted a recommendation has been presented to move the Report of the Executive Director to earlier in the meeting agenda on an ongoing basis. It was indicated this will be addressed by the Executive Committee at the next meeting.

5. Matters of the Board

- Mark Gross reported following the completion of the Transformation Plan in June, he will bring forth a proposal to eliminate the Internal and External Committees and maintain the Substance Use Disorders/Mental Health (SUDs/MH) and Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Workgroups as well as the Fiscal Oversight Committee.

- Susan Beeman noted planning of a Wellness and Recovery conference is underway and further details will be provided.
- Jessica Burmester reported she along with Lori Stillman attended the February 26th Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Inclusion Month Proclamation by the Board of Supervisors which was well received with five Supervisors attending the reception.
- Lt. Colonel Sites provided a reminder of the CSB Board schedule in the upcoming week that includes 1) March 5th testimony before the Human Services Council on the FY2014 proposed budget, 2) March 6th CSB Work Session on the Transformation Plan, 3) March 6th tour of the Annandale Consumer Wellness Center, and 4) March 7th public hearing on the Transformation Plan. A show of hands was requested of Board members planning to attend the March 7th hearing resulting in about four participants.
- Lt. Colonel Sites introduced Gary Ambrose who is in the process of being appointed as an At-Large CSB Board member.
- Jane Woods requested an updated report be provided on the Opportunity Neighborhoods project.

6. Approval of the Minutes

Following a motion by Glenn Kamber to amend the January 23 meeting minutes of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board which was seconded and accepted, a motion was offered by Mark Gross for approval of the January 23, 2013 Board Work Session minutes as well as the January 23, 2013, minutes of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board meeting. The motion for approval was seconded and carried.

7. Committee Reports

A. *Fiscal Oversight Committee:*

Mr. Kamber reported the Fiscal Oversight Committee has been instrumental in carrying out the Board's fiscal responsibilities, and noted the preparation of the second quarter report to the Board of Supervisors (BOS), which was submitted in a timely fashion was accomplished in large part due to Suzette Kern.

8. Action Items:

A. *FY2014 Proposed Budget:*

Proposed Letter to Board of Supervisors:

- Referencing a draft letter to the BOS circulated earlier in the week, Mr. Kamber indicated a meeting was subsequently held with Fairfax County Public Schools representatives, Assistant Superintendent of Special Services Kim Dockery and Director of Intervention Services Mary Ann Panarelli, Pat Hynes, Vice Chair of the School Board, and Tim Thomas, Principal of Westfield High School to discuss the proposals in the letter.
- The proposals set forth include: 1) hiring of 28 professional counselors to be placed in high schools, 2) contracting with cultural and linguistic organizations to provide behavioral counseling, and 3) restoration of prevention programs. It was indicated the rough cost estimate associated with these proposals totals \$3.2 million.

- Mr. Kamber reported support of the effort and a need for early intervention and treatment services in the schools was indicated by Ms. Dockery, however it was noted there was no specific commitment of school funding which would require endorsement of the School Board. In response to a timeframe for seeking School Board endorsement, it was indicated it would take at least one month.
- It was suggested in the current budget environment, obtaining substantive school funding would be unlikely.
- Noting this funding request is above the FY14 proposed budget, concern was expressed that although recognizing there may be needs, the information may not be well received by the BOS in light of other essential county services receiving larger reductions in the budget cycle.
- Some additional items discussed were 1) to exclude the detailed attachment from the letter, 2) remove any reference to Sandy Hook, 3) remove references to counselors being provided by CSB, 4) a suggestion to refine the message as a proposal for consideration in addressing some of the community needs, without requesting funding, and 5) emphasizing a collaborative effort with the School Board.
- Noting the June timeframe for presenting the Transformation Report, a recommendation was also made to send a preliminary letter to the BOS advising of ongoing development of a collaborative effort with the schools and submit a final proposal in June to coincide with the FY13 carryover. Additionally, it was noted the CSB management staff overseeing youth as well as prevention have not yet provided their service presentations along with recommendations.
- Following further discussion on the timing of sending the proposed letter, Mark Gross offered a motion to send a letter on prevention to the BOS now that was seconded, and after discussion, the motion carried.
- Mr. Kamber offered a motion that the letter to be redrafted and circulated to CSB Board members for review and approval to include the following revisions: 1) not reference Sandy Hook, but instead refer to violence in the country, 2) discuss the three proposals currently in the letter, 3) include an attachment, 4) reference mental health counselors and not CSB counselors, 5) make an effort to not appear to be asking for more staff and money for the CSB, and 6) CSB is working with the School Board. This motion was seconded and further discussion requested there be a statement that the proposal is under discussion with the schools and include a reference to tragedies such as youth suicides. Following a vote, the motion passed.
- It was indicated there should be no reference to the proposed letter in the CSB presentation to the Human Services Council on March 5th.

Human Services Council Presentation

In requesting clarification on the items to include in the budget advocacy message to be presented to the Human Services Council on March 5th, the following was provided:

- \$1.1 million to lower the staffing vacancy levels to 7-8%.
- Jessica Burmester offered a motion to retain the two Prevention positions and the senior management position currently titled Director of Community Living, but the positions would be unfunded. The motion was seconded and passed.

Lt. Colonel Sites noted the initial draft message to the Human Services Council will be distributed to the Board members for review.

B. *FY2013 Third Quarter Budget Review:*

Bill Belcher presented the February 7, 2013 third quarter submission to the Department of Management and Budget (DMB). During discussion, concern was expressed that a third alternative for Infant and Toddler Connection (ITC) funding was included that stated any shortfall would be covered with savings from other CSB programs. Instead, it was recommended the submission be amended with only the first two options included: 1) ITC funding be provided by state funds, and if not forthcoming, 2) the County ITC reserve funds would be tapped. With this in mind, Jane Woods offered a motion to approve the third quarter submission as amended by striking any reference to funding of ITC with savings from other CSB programs and submitting the revised version to DMB. It was also clarified this motion will serve as approval of any formal request to the Board of Supervisors that may be required to draw on the ITC reserve funds, should they be needed. The motion was seconded and carried.

In response to the timing of the submission and Board approval after the fact, it was indicated due to the DMB deadline, this manner of providing the third quarter review has been the practice for years. Questioning whether formal CSB Board approval was a mandate, Mr. Braunstein indicated he would look into the requirements for approval, and provide them to the Board. Should formal approval be required, moving forward the Board has requested review and approval take place prior to submission and this action item be part of the January CSB meeting.

8. Executive Directors Report

- *State Bond Funding:*

Mr. Braunstein provided background on the previously approved use of state bond funds to build two homes for DOJ transitional residents. Following approval, the County attorney raised flags on the clause that holds the County liable for replacing land that may become unusable due to a disaster or other event. CSB is already committed to rebuilding a home for individuals we serve, however, replacing land is an exceptional liability. The State and County attorneys have finally reached an agreement to use the bond funds for the two group homes, but the CSB Board is being made aware of the liability and asked for either reapproval of the use of the state bond funds or reversal of the previous approval provided.

Following a request for written background on this proposal, it was agreed the information would be forwarded and a vote could be scheduled at the March 6, 2013 CSB Board work session scheduled.

- *Staff Recognitions:*

- Mr. Braunstein reported as part of homeless outreach several CSB staff have participated in a point in time survey traveling at night and the early hours of the morning to understand the needs. The CSB staff giving of their time toward this effort includes Augustine Aderiye, Jeannie Cummins Eisenhour, Vanessa Heim, Sue Leo, Nella Leppo, Davene Nelson, Patricia Pennant, Mike Suppa, Lyn Tomlinson, and Major Mike Kline with the Police Department.
- During the Department of Justice Reviewer visit to a local family on a Friday afternoon, a call was received by CSB staff Shelia Peters-Lee and Lara Lafin late in

the day indicating there was a problem. The staff was immediately responsive, familiar with the service plan for this family, and able to address and allay the concerns. By 10:00 pm the situation had been resolved with state representatives fully informed and pleased with the outcome.

- *Legislative Update:*

Mr. Braunstein recapped the summary previously distributed to the CSB Board members of the State budget outcomes of the General Assembly. Some of the highlights included 1) ITC funding received an additional \$2.5 million for this year and \$6 million for next year, 2) funding for adult IDD crisis and children IDD crisis services, but funding is limited, 3) \$1.9 million for children mental health crisis in which our area is targeted to receive and plans already developed for mobile crisis and psychiatry-on-call for youth, 4) discharge assistance to receive \$.5 million statewide, 5) exceptional rates for waivers \$3.6 million for only residential, 6) a continued shortfall for day employment, 7) \$700,000 for 13 permanent beds at the Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute, and 8) \$0.9 million statewide for therapeutic drop off centers.

- *Training Centers-DOJ Agreement Update:*

Separate from the budget process, efforts are ongoing to ensure the County is aware of the vital need for additional Service Coordinators along with the more intensive community services that will be required. It was indicated a portion of the costs will be born by Medicaid, but not all.

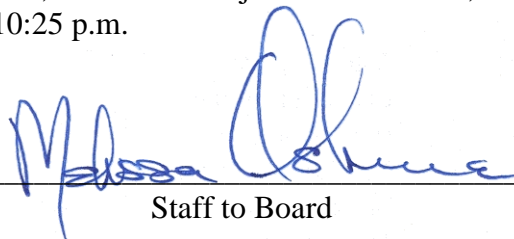
Actions Taken –

- ♦ Approval of the January 23, 2013 CSB Board Work Session minutes and January 23, 2013 meeting minutes as amended.
- ♦ Approval to send a letter to the BOS on prevention, a redraft of which will require circulation, review and approval by Board members.
- ♦ Approval of the Third Quarter Review submission to DMB as revised and resubmitted.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was offered, seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

March 27, 2013

Date


Staff to Board